





W. P. WALTON.

The *Courier-Journal* is making some strong arguments against the licensing of crime, which the allowance of bail in murder cases by Circuit Judges virtually amounts to. The immediate occasion of the article is the recent action of Judge Finley in granting bail to Johnson, the cowardly assassin who waylaid and murdered in Bell county Mr. Napier and daughter as they were returning from church. The Judge's excuse for allowing bail was that a precedent had been established to that end, but as he is responsible for that precedent the act is none the less reprehensible unless we assume that two wrongs make a right. Judge Finley has made an enviable reputation in dealing with a certain class of law-breakers, namely the whisky sellers, upon whom he visits the severest penalty of the law, but this leniency to murderers, the worst enemies of the Commonwealth, is a blot on his fair fame, that no other performance of duty can counterbalance. It is a pandering to the lawless and murderous spirit which prevails in several of the counties of his district, which has done more than any one thing to foster crime. Perhaps the safety of his person demands that he shall show this deference to murderers; if so it is a fearful state of affairs and he would do well to refuse to hold court until all the protection of the Commonwealth is afforded him. Johnson hardly deserved the form of a trial, let alone such consideration as bail, and to turn him loose upon society was a crime against the moral if not the statutory law. We know the disadvantages that Judge Finley labors under and it can only be remedied by giving the Governor power, as our contemporary suggests, to order a judge from one circuit to another, when in his judgment a change would promote the ends of justice.

The Sayre Female Institute at Lexington dispensed with the usual essays at commencement this year and other institutions might follow the example with profit. The *Press* thinks it a move in the right direction and adds: It is no reflection on female intellect to say that it is an affliction on an audience to sit in a crowded hall, and listen through weary hours to essays written, perhaps, by the sweet girl graduate. It is not reasonable to expect any very new or startling thoughts, or any opinions which would tend to revolutionize an established evil, something at which the "sweet girl graduates" invariably strike. Their scholastic struggle has been with text books, and the opinions which they have formed have necessarily been circumscribed. They have had no time for extended literary research, and as a natural sequence their ideas are crude and their opinions are contracted. Young ladies can not write too much while at college. Every essay they write renders them more perfect in the art of composing, and prepares them a more elegant vehicle for the thoughts which they may in future desire to convey to the public ear. Let them write and rewrite, but do not let the public patience be taxed by listening to them.

The New York *Sun*, which did all in its power to defeat Cleveland and prevent the change it refers to, is forced to say: "We have now had a democratic administration for three months. The union still exists, no disturbance has occurred, the wheels of the government move smoothly, there has not been a single jar. Instead of the danger apprehended from a change, the people find only improvement and more reason for confidence. The mere sweeping out of the republicans from the White House has wrought a great reformation, and when they go generally from the office the good work will be more emphatic. The South introduces no discord and makes no pretensions, but quietly pursues its path of progress, only happier and more hopeful than before. The freedmen are on better terms with their old masters than ever before since emancipation."

The Governor has gallantly come to the rescue of Miss Fannie Bryson, a young lady of Louisville, who shot another because she had lured the affections of her lover from her, and wiped out with a pardon the sentence of a year in the penitentiary, which an unsentimental jury imposed on her.

Lot Wright, that most offensive of partisans, has been ordered down and out of the U. S. Marshalship at Cincinnati and a gentleman placed in his position, Col. Henry C. Urner. Col. Urner is a lawyer by profession and was formerly president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The New York *World* last Sunday edition reached 162,505, to print which required 54,893 pounds of paper, or a continuous sheet 334 miles in length. No other office in the world consumed as much and the edition was the largest ever printed in the Western hemisphere.

There are 700 applicants for the position of internal revenue agent and as there are but 29 such places in all the States, 680 poor devils are doomed to disappointment. But a man who lives by the hope of office should die by it.

LIGHTNING struck the Washington monument the other day and split the capstone and one below for four feet. They will have to be replaced, and it will add greatly to the already heavy cost of the structure, which was \$1,100,000.

ISAAC PALMER CALDWELL, of Louisville, who it seems had nothing to assign, was made an assignment.

THE English Government is all torn up. The Parnellites refused to support the budget proposed by the Gladstone Ministry, which contemplated the re-enactment of what is considered obnoxious laws for the government of Ireland, and it was defeated by a small majority. Gladstone and the other members thereupon tendered their resignations to the Queen. An additional tax on beer and whisky is what excited the impulsive populace and gave the opposition grounds for charging oppression on the poor man.

THE President has appointed ex-Senator Attila Cox, of Owenton, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the 5th district. Of him the *Louisville Times* says: As merchant, banker and legislator, he has made an enviable record, and it is no disparagement of the other excellent gentlemen who sought the appointment to say that no better selection could have been made. A thorough business man, industrious, courteous and capable, Mr. Cox will make a Collector of whom Kentucky and the service may well be proud.

THERE seems now to be no doubt about Mr. James R. Marrs' appointment as postmaster of Danville. Gov. McCreary has recommended him, we learn, and as he is all powerful in such appointments, Mr. Marrs is sure to be the man. A better one could not be found and we predict that the Danville people will say with one accord in a few months, that they have never been more satisfactorily served than by the new postmaster.

The venerable banker and benefactor, W. W. Corcoran, proprietor of the famous Art Gallery which bears his name, will leave Washington July 1 to visit White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., for the fifty-third successive season. He has been there every summer since 1832, and always takes his own cook with him, which accounts, says an exchange, for his survival beyond the years allotted to most other visitors.

NO OTHER candidate appearing, Hon. Chas. Offutt has been declared the democratic nominee to represent Bourbon county in the next Legislature. A speaker of the last House Mr. Offutt made a reputation as a quick, impartial and well-informed parliamentarian. He is a rising young man and destined to fill many important positions in the gift of his people.

## NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

Statistics show that Southern prisons contain 12,000 convicts.

An authority asserts that of the 92,000 insane persons in the United States, 43,000 are not in asylums.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Munday, on trial at Lexington, charged with killing her husband, disagreed.

The total tobacco offering at Paducah last week was 700 hogsheads, the value of which exceeded \$100,000.

G. W. Cockerell, a brakeman on the Kentucky Central, was killed while coupling cars at Cynthia Wednesday.

The republicans met at Springfield, O., to nominate a candidate for Governor and place a general ticket in the field yesterday.

It is estimated that the Illinois wheat crop will be less than 10,000,000 bushels this year, against 32,000,000 bushels last year.

Audemore, the defaulting officer at the Sub-Treasury at New Orleans, has fled to Mexico, where he is interested in some mines.

George K. Speed, bank cashier, of Louisville, is short in his accounts to the amount of \$20,000. Relatives compromised with the bank.

Mrs. Nettie McDermott, a bride of two weeks, suicided at Louisville by drowning from the steamer Diamond, on which herself and husband were employed.

At Keene, in Jessamine county, Roger Riggs, late of Breckenridge county, shot and mortally wounded a man named Baker. They quarreled about a young lady.

The Directors of the Lebanon Creamery held a meeting Monday night, and, in view of the low price of butter, decided to suspend operations till Sep. 1.—[Standard.]

Appointment Clerk Higgins, of the Treasury Department, estimates that since the 4th of March 40,000 changes have been made in the Federal offices in the United States.

Gov. John Ireland, of Texas, in 1815 drove the stage between Louisville and Nashville. He studied law, went to Texas, rose in the profession, and is now Governor.

A Richmond, Va., dispatch says that the motion for a new trial in the case of Thomas J. Cluverius, who murdered his cousin, Miss Lillian Madison, has been overruled.

Controller Durham has decided to withhold the payment of money due by the United States to the State of Mississippi while the latter owes the Government taxes, till the question can receive the attention of Congress.

It is believed that the clerks of the Railway Mail Service are preparing to strike in case any of their number are dismissed. They do not propose to remain and instruct new men and then be turned out of their positions one by one.

At Berea, in Madison county, a fight occurred between William Harris and Mitchell Preston on one side, and James Johnston on the other, in which Johnston shot Harris dead and was in turn instantly killed by Preston. John T. Disney, a friend of Johnston's, then shot at Preston, wounding him. All the parties are desperate characters. Harris and Johnston had been selling whisky on some sort of partnership terms, and falling out had taken their case to court where it was decided in favor of Johnston. Harris and Preston, who had been his witnesses, then went on the hunt for Johnston and provoked the fight.

The body of the late A. H. Stephens was removed from Atlanta to Liberty Hall Wednesday, where the burial took place. Gen. Toombs was the orator.

Harry Somerville, the young man who forged Mrs. Hanson's name for a considerable amount, has been given two years in the penitentiary by the Fayette court.

The testimonials and presents received by Gen. Grant at home and abroad, which were presented to the Government by Mrs. Grant, will be taken to Washington this week.

Mrs. E. H. Tubman, one of the wealthiest and at the same time one of the most charitable women in America, died at Augusta, Ga., aged about 90 years. The deceased was born near Frankfort, Ky.

The buildings of the Eastern Lunatic asylum, at Williamsburg, Va., were destroyed by fire. Loss \$125,000. One female patient perished in the flames, and another wandered away and was drowned.

Suits against ex-Gov. Hale, of New Hampshire, whose failure has been reported, charged him with obtaining various sums of money on false representations, and that he was worth over \$500,000 clear of all indebtedness.

Adjutant General Drum has just compiled the list of casualties during the rebellion. The number of deaths was 350,498; of these 29,408 occurred in Southern prisons. The total number of troops engaged during the war was 2,772,408.

The grand jury has returned true bills against the Louisville Press Company, alias Zach. Phelps, alias B. DuPont, publisher of the *Commercial*, Y. E. Allison, managing editor, and George W. Smith, reporter, for uttering criminal libels upon Mayor Reed.

A woman at Chicago has just had a dead child removed from her womb after thirteen years' lodgment there. The operation killed her. The fetus presented a dark color and is about nine inches in length. Most of the muscles had disintegrated, but the skeleton was perfect and intact.

John Stapleton, Jr., the murderer of Callahan Whitte, was taken from the Mt. Sterling jail yesterday to Salersville, Magoffin county, for trial. There are twelve murder cases on the docket, eleven of which grew out of the above killing. This lawless condition of affairs can be duplicated in one half dozen of the Eastern Kentucky counties and there can be no hope for a betterment until the mountaineers raise more hemp and less murderers.—[Commercial.]

In Calloway county, some time since, Mr. Samuel Stubbfield maliciously shot Mr. Abe Curd and was sent to jail. Mr. Curd recovered from his wounds, and, with malice aforethought, got into a second difficulty and cut his man, as a result of which he joined Mr. Stubbfield in jail. To day the two distinguished participants in malicious misdeeds walked in twin shackles and hand-cuffs into the penitentiary at Frankfort and began the settlement of their accounts with the State.—[Times.]

## MT. VERNON DEPARTMENT.

Managed by Jno. B. Fish.

The church at this place has failed to secure a preacher up to this time. This fact does not speak well for Mt. Vernon or its citizens.

A "select" crowd of young folks will "have a picnic" near W. B. Whitehead's Saturday next. The objects to pick all the strawberries they can eat.

Mr. Nicholson has employed Bennett Joplin to assist him in painting on the court-house. It is beginning to show up a nice appearance.

The cemetery at this place is in a shameful condition. A number of the head stones have fallen to the ground, graves have sunken, fences are mostly all gone, briars have grown up and taking it altogether and it is a disgrace to the citizens of the town. But, there are several people here who never expect to die and don't care for any one else.

There have been several Ohio men in this county in the last few weeks looking at lands. Some want farming lands while others seek timber lands suitable for mill purposes. There is plenty of land of either kind in the county, and as these Ohio men all seem to be clever, intelligent gentlemen, we would be glad to see a number of them settle in our midst.

Charley Blazer was arrested yesterday and brought to town and in default of \$500 bail was placed in the county jail. Blazer is charged with obtaining two car loads of poplar lumber from G. G. Mullins, of Roundstone, under false pretenses. He is comparatively a stranger here and public opinion seems to be against him. It is whispered around that there will be several other cases of the same kind brought up against him before he gets out of this case.

John T. Clark, a long time resident of this place, died last Friday night, at 1 o'clock, after a two weeks' illness with pneumonia fever. He was a good citizen and greatly respected by all who knew him. He was an honored member of the Masonic order and was interred with all the honors of the order. The lodges of Brodhead and London came down in goodly number to assist in the burial ceremony. The remains were escorted to its last resting place by members of the order led by the Mt. Vernon brass band. Mr. Clark leaves a wife who has the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Mrs. W. M. Weber and family, of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting at Mr. H. Carpenter's. They will stay all summer. Willis Adams, Jr., and family, of Paint Lick, are visiting at Capt. Jack Adams'. Mr. J. W. Miller has come to Louisville on a business visit. Miss Josie Pettus, of Lexington, is visiting Mrs. Geo. Williams. Hon. George Denny, Sr. of Lancaster, was in town during the week. Miss Stella Whitehead has returned from a visit at Williamsburg. Miss Ella Adams is at Alton. Miss Mamie Martin, of Brodhead, is visiting at this place. John Green is back home again.

## GARRARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT.

Lancaster.

The K. C. Railroad will begin running a through line stock train on next Saturday. Will run Tuesdays and Saturdays during the season.

The Lawn Party given by the Juvenile Club Wednesday evening was quite well attended by the young folks, all of whom say it was very pleasant indeed.

Col. Thos. S. Bronston, the new Collector for this district, was in Lancaster this week getting acquainted with the people. He will probably take charge of the office the first of July.

Messrs. Sam Engleman, J. W. Miller, G. D. Burdett, J. H. Woodcock, Joe Sandifer, R. A. Burnside and J. M. Duncan composed a crowd that left for Kentucky River on a fishing excursion Wednesday morning. They took with them all necessary articles for camping out and will be away several days. Mons. Scott Buchanan was chief cook.

The temperance meetings conducted by Dr. N. W. Tracy, of Mt. Sterling, continue to draw large and interested audiences at the court-house each evening, and many of the "boys" are sporting the blue ribbon. He delivers his celebrated lecture, "The Mississippi of Intemperance," at the City Hall this (Friday) evening, and will illustrate it with 129 feet of canvases. In the forenoon, at the Presbyterian church, interesting gospel meetings are held.

Miss Jennie B. Lackey left Thursday for a protracted visit to friends in Missouri. Mrs. Nellie Crumless and son, of Kingston, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. Geo. Smith. Mrs. R. L. Grinnam, of St. Louis, is visiting Mrs. W. R. Bash. Mrs. T. H. Ellis, of Bardonia, and Mrs. Pinkie Bankofsky, of Louisville, are with Mrs. R. C. Farris who is quite ill. James Brooks, the heart-smashing Richmond dude, was in town Tuesday. Mr. A. G. Daniel and family have removed to Charlotte, N. C. and will make that place their home in the future. Miss Irene Dillon, of Crab Orchard is a guest of Miss Fannie Huffins.

## Booming President Jarman.

President Mark Jarman, our colored aspirant for Legislative honors, is so proud of the following letter from a friend in Paducah, that he "put up" for its publication. The old man has an abiding faith that Mr. Watterson will send him a half barrel or so of money, in which event he thinks that he can lay both Miller and Robbitt in the shade.

Mr. Mark Jarman, Esq., Hustonsville, Ky. Hon. Saml. F. Jarman. I have just learned with delight that you have consented to allow your name to be used as a candidate to represent the proud old county of Lincoln. This is a time in our history in which we need and must have good and efficient men at the helm of the ship of State in order that she may be steered safely from out the breakers of bankruptcy and crime into which she has drifted under the guidance of probably well meaning but unskillful Legislators. I think also that your candidacy is a long felt want, one that the papers of your county, in fact all over the State, have been demanding and howling about for months—a good man to represent them in the Legislature—that they now have if they will only cease this incessant clamor and go to work and elect you, which I sincerely hope they will do. I shall write my uncle and friends at Hustonsville to leave no stone unturned that will tend to secure your election. If you think it necessary I will come up and do all in my power towards rolling up the majority in your favor by making speeches, etc., in your favor throughout the county. If money is needed, judging from the tone of the papers in speaking of your candidacy, I think you can secure at least a barrel of it whenever you choose to call for it. But knowing your sterling worth and standing, as well as your ability and powers in the way of silver tongued oratory, I think you will have little need of my poor assistance or any one else's for that matter. It might be well enough, however, to notify Henry Watterson, at Louisville, to order a collection to be taken up to secure or aid in the election of yourself and other good men and have him to send you a half barrel or such a matter in order that you may conduct your canvass on high toned principles. With this precaution I think your opponents will stand as little show as Cole Carpenter's dog did in the renowned contest with your blue blooded canine. My regards to your friend, Mr. John Drye. Begging your pardon for consuming so much of your valuable time from your canvass, I have the honor to be Your True Friend, S. B. CALDWELL, JR. Paducah, May 23d, 1885.

N. B. I would be glad if Mr. Henry Watterson would send me a half barrel or such a matter of money to make my race. MARK JARMAN.

The "John Brown Scaffold Company" has been organized in Charlottesville, W. Va., where John Brown was executed. The company has a capital of \$1,200, and will manufacture relics from the lumber used in making the scaffold on which John Brown was hung. The wood is now contained in the porch of a dwelling at Charlottesville, which has been purchased by the projector of the company.

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